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Reconstitution of the State Harijan Welfare Committee.

* 284 Q.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representation has been received from the Harijan M.L.As. for the reconstitution of the State Harijan Welfare Committee; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER:—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The State Harijan Welfare Committee has since been reconstituted."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN:—" Sir, there are four Harijan Members in the Tamilnad Toilers' Party. They were not taken into the reconstituted State Harijan Welfare Committee. Therefore, will the Government consider the desirability of including any one of them in that Committee?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER.—" As far as possible, the Government, while making the selection of Members, give representation on the basis of districts."

SRI S. THINAKARASAMI THEVAR:—" May I know whether any Member of the Paramalai Kallar community is represented in the reconstituted Harijan Welfare Committee?"

MR. SPEAKER:—" How does the Paramalai Kallar community come in here. The main question relates to the Harijan Welfare Committee. If the Hon. Minister is prepared to answer it, I have no objection."

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER:—" We are now dealing with the State Harijan Welfare Committee and not the Committee dealing with Backward Classes."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR:—" தென்னாற்காடு ஜில்லாவில் இருக்கும் ஹரிஜனங்களுடைய முன்னேற்றத்தைக்கருதவேண்டுமானால் தென்னாற்காடு ஜில்லாவில் இருக்கிற ஹரிஜன எம்.எல்.ஏக்கள் அவசியம் அந்தக் கமிட்டியில் இடம் பெறவேண்டும். அதற்கு சர்க்கார் கண்டிப்பாக வசதிசெய்யவேண்டும். உழைப்பாளி கட்சி காங்கிரஸ் கட்சிக்கு எதிர்க்கட்சியில் இருக்கிறது என்ற காரணத்தைப் பார்க்காமல் உழைப்பாளி கட்சி ஹரிஜன எம்.எல்.ஏக்களையும் அந்தக் கமிட்டியில் சேர்த்துக்கொள்வதற்கு சர்க்கார் முன் வருமா?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER:—" As I have already replied, in every district Harijan M.L.As. are put in that Committee."

10-40 a.m. SRI S. THINAKARASAMI THEVAR:—" Inasmuch as the Kallar Reclamation Department is under the control of the Harijan Welfare Department, may I know whether any representative of the Paramalai Kallar community had been included in the reconstituted Harijan Welfare Committee?"

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THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" Backward communities and other communities have got similar special organizations and in those organizations they are represented."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" Sir, in the reconstituted Harijan Welfare Committee, some non-Harijans also have been nominated as members. May I know whether it is the policy of Government or intention of the Government to promote the welfare of Harijans or to oppose the Harijans because some non-Harijans have now been nominated to the Committee? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" Some of the non-Harijans have been included in the Harijan Welfare Committee to promote the interests of Harijans, Sir."

SRI O. KORAN :—" Is it not a fact that the M.L.As. who have been included as Members of the Harijan Welfare Committee belong to the Congress Party and its allied associations? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" No, Sir. Members from other parties also are included in the Committee."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Since representation to backward communities like the Vanniyakula Kshatriyas is too low even though we are crying hoarse on the floor of this House . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" This question relates to the Harijan Welfare Committee."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" I am coming to that, Sir. Since the backward communities have not been given any representation in spite of our crying hoarse here on the floor of this House, will the Government come forward to give representation to backward communities in this Welfare Committee, particularly in South Arcot where the backward communities are in large numbers."

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" Every opportunity is being given to the leaders of these communities, Sir."

SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM :—" முன்னால் மந்திரி ஸ்ரீ எம். வி. கிருஷ்ண ராவ் காலத்தில் அமைக்கப்பட்ட கமிட்டியைக் கலைத்துவிட்டு இப்பொழுது புதியதாக ஒரு கமிட்டி அமைத்திருக்கிறார்கள். முன்பு இருந்த அங்கத்தினர்களிலே எவ்வளவு பேர்கள் மறுபடியும் இதில் இடம் பெற்றிருக்கிறார்கள் ? யார் யார் இடம் பெற்றிருக்கிறார்கள் ? புதிதாக யாரையெல்லாம் சேர்த்திருக்கிறார்கள் என்பதை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்வார்களா என்று நான் கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" I want notice, Sir."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Hon. Minister stated that Harijan M.L.As. of the district are included in the Committee.

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May I know which M.L.A. is included as a representative of the Harijans so far as Malabar is concerned? If there are more than one name, may I know the basis of selection?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—"Speaking from memory, I would say the hon. Member Sri Chadayan has been nominated to the committee from Malabar."

Opening of High Schools in South Arcot in 1953–54.

* 285 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of High Schools opened in South Arcot district during 1953–54; and

(b) the number of applications received requesting sanction of the Government to open High Schools in 1953–54?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"(a) Two Middle Schools and two incomplete High Schools.

"(b) Five applications were made to the Director of Public Instruction. Representations were subsequently made to Government in two of these cases."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—"May I know from whom the applications have been received requesting sanction of Government to open high schools in 1953–54? May I also know whether the Government have sanctioned or going to sanction the opening of a school in Olakkur in Tindivanam taluk?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"In respect of the middle schools, the District Board applied for sanction to open the schools in Chiravangadu and Olakkur. Private agencies applied for the opening of a High School in Kurinchipadi and Tindivanam."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—"The request for sanction of the opening of a school in Olakkur in Tindivanam taluk was submitted by the President of the District Board of South Arcot. The request is still pending. Final orders have not been issued yet. Will the Government be pleased to see that the request is complied with at least this year?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"I shall consider the suggestion of the hon. Member."

Reduction in the prices of pesticides and insecticides.

* 286 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have, since 1st January 1954, passed any orders for reducing the prices of any articles that are sold through the Agriculture Department; and

(b) if so, what those articles are?